# Florida CVISN Team Meeting May 28, 2003, Wednesday 9:00 – 10:00 am

#### **MINUTES**



## Participants:

Allie Braswell ACS Paul Grimes FDOT

Mike Akridge FDOT John Harris FDOT-Permits ofc.

Billy Berry FDOT-Permits ofc. David Helton DHSMV Charles Brantley FTA Judy Johnson DHSMV

Ernie Brown MCCO Roger Pittman FL Dept of Agriculture

Richard Easley E-Squared Engineering Hugh Stephens DOR Sharon Easley E-Squared Engineering Marcel Tart MCCO

Richard Gerke FMCSA

Mike Akridge opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Mike asked the attendees to provide updates on each of the various CVISN projects.

# **PROJECT UPDATES**

## **Automated Permitting System and Department Privatization**

John Harris updated the team on the status of these projects. He noted that the system is in place and credit card payments should be able to be processed on-line very shortly. John also noted that the credit card fees will be paid by FDOT as currently there are codes that prohibit their billing these fees to customers.

Although he could not give the details, John advised the group that the privatization of the permits office is under protest from one of the vendors. The department is still hoping to meet its goal of 7/1/03 for privatization of certain functions of the permits office.

## E-Screening at Agriculture Interdiction Stations and BOL Program

Roger Pittman advised the group that last month DACS had 38,952 bypasses at all 6 sites. To date they have received approximately 900 applications for participation in the Ag. Electronic pre-clearance program. Of these, 383 were approved, 274 were denied, 10 were duplicates (previously denied), 3 needed more information (but they were never able to contact the company), 2 changed their mind and did not want to participate, 3 were sent back for a signature and 191 are pending processing.

Hugh Stephens reported that four companies have submitted their BOLs as requested and they are being reviewed.

## **E-Screening at MCCO Weigh Stations**

Mike Akridge went over the most recent PrePass statistics. Marcel Tart updated the group on the progress of future PrePass sites. Islamorada SB is still pending due to a paving project which will probably not start until July or August of this year. The target date for opening the facility on I-10 near the Alabama border is August or September of this year. In the same area, DACS will install an interdiction station at the old Welcome Center in 2004. They will only have a facility on the inbound side of the interstate.

#### **CVIEW**

Mike advised the group that the method of procurement of the CVIEW will be an Invitation to Negotiate ITN (rather than an RFP as previously discussed). Richard Easley noted that one precursor to the CVIEW product development was the completion of the Information Systems Inventory. (See notes below regarding Information Systems Inventory.)

# **CVO Help Desk Implementation**

Detailed discussion of this project was tabled until the end of the meeting when the Help Desk team would meet and more detail would be provided.

### **Information System Inventory**

Mike noted Cambridge Systematics declined the offer to do the project for \$25,000 or less. The team will now look at other options such as releasing an RFP or utilizing one of the Universities. Mike noted he saw this as a good opportunity to get one of the universities involved in ITS Issues (which they have been seeking) plus it should help to lower the cost of the project.

# MCCO Applications for viewing OS/OW permits

Mike has the scope of services from Cambridge Systematics and will develop an RFP and send it to the contracts office. Most likely the project will be done in two phases.

### **IFTA Clearinghouse**

Judy Johnson advised the group that the project has been submitted to her area and is number three on the priority list. The project is scheduled to begin July 1, which is on schedule and should be completed in September 2003.

### CVFM/IFTWG Joint Workshop/ITSA Annual Meeting briefing

Mike updated the group on the workshop noting this was the first time these two groups(Commercial Vehicle Freight Mobility Forum and Intermodal Freight Technology Working Group) had met together. Mike advised the group that the IFTWG, which is mainly made up of private sector representatives, focuses on cargo container movements. Since 9-11 they have also focused on the safety/security aspects of container movements.

During the workshop it was agreed that the two groups have the same focus and need to work together. Mike thought the attendance was light but the meeting organizers thought the meeting was well attended.

One of the outcomes of the meeting is that there will be a tri-state/trilateral operational test of 'smart seals' on shipments of avocados that go from Mexico to Canada via the U.S. The other outcome was that the workshop chair, Mike Walton (who is also Chairman of the Board of ITS America), recommended that a white paper be written based on the results of the workshop.

Mike also advised the group that the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) letter that had been drafted for Submission to Secretary Mineta was revised somewhat, has been approved by the ITSA board and will be submitted to the Secretary. The reason for the revision is that HVUT automation was specifically mentioned in the Reauthorization. Mike is hopeful this issue will now move forward.

Mike went over the Reauthorization bill's language and how the CVISN and ITS programs will be handled under the new legislation. Mike noted that the reauthorization is a good thing for CVO and CVISN. There are opportunities for additional funding for CVISN under the new legislation.

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

# **Next CVISN Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (10 AM to noon) in the Environment Management Office (EMO) conference room #330, Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Suite 3B, Tallahassee, FL.